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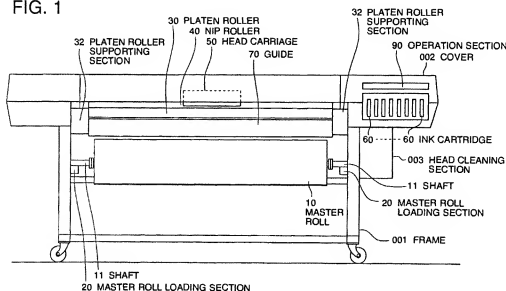
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(54) Liquid jetting apparatus

(57) In a liquid jetting apparatus provided with a head provided with a liquid jetting section; a feeding section for feeding a liquid to the head; and a control section for controlling the liquid jetting section to jet the liquid

such that a jetting trace of the liquid is recorded on a recording medium; the liquid jetting apparatus is further provided with a liquid ejecting section for varying a pressure in the head in plural steps so as to eject the liquid in the head from the liquid jetting section.

FIG. 1





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1. Claims: 16-34

printhead wiping means

2. Claims: 1-15

- declogging of the printhead by means of pressurization
- declogging of the printhead by means of suction

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